REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "U"

Why you should Vote NO on Measure "U"

City talks about declining revenues due to state action but fails to mention that Eureka's own Redevelopment Agency (ERA) has diverted, over the redevelopment years, $10,000,000 from the city's general fund. And, that ERA currently owes the city over $5,000,000, that is collectable! Remember too, that the Eureka City Council is also the ERA and controls the spending of both.

Don't be fooled, by the Finance Advisory Committees (FAC) recommendation either, they actually recommended higher taxes, higher maximum, and for a longer time period. Then it was heard at a FAC meeting that in so doing it would make it easier for the taxpayers to defeat the tax at the polls! Remember also, that the two previous FACs included the option of the ERA repaying what they owe. That option was ignored by the council.

Don't be fooled, by the new option to lower the tax rate. The council has always had the option to reduce or completely eliminate the tax. Adding that option to the ordinance is a joke, simply to make it sound better for the voters.

Remember this is a tax increase, as costs go up, so does your tax, businesses will increase their prices to cover their increases and the taxpayer gets a double whammy!

The city has the ability to provide required services without this unfair, so called "temporary tax".

Agree with the Humboldt Taxpayers League recommendation and **VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE "U".**

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